

JOSEPH VAN MULLEM

Joseph Alphonse Van Mullem, 85, died at his home in Somers Oct. 11 of natural causes. 1990

He was born July 10, 1905, at Declinge, Belgium, son of Theophile and Melanie Van Mullem. He came to the United States in 1927, where he worked in Chicago as a maintenance man in an apartment building. Oct. 12, 1929, he married Alice Geeraerts in Chicago. In 1935 the couple moved to Winter, Wis., where they owned a dairy farm. They came to Somers in 1949.

Mr. Van Mullem had worked for the State Forestry Dept. and later at C&C Plywood Co. prior to his retirement. He was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, at home; two daughters, Rosemary Glessing and Geraldine Hall, both of Kalispell; three sons, Edmond at home, Albert of Sussex, Wis., and Joseph Jr. of Bozeman; two brothers and a sister in Belgium; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Vigil services for Mr. Van Mullem were Oct. 14 in St. Anne's Catholic Church in Somers. Mass of the Christian burial was Oct. 15 in St. Anne's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Robert Hartman as celebrant. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were by Johnson Mortuary.

Walter VanOsdol/1990

Walter Hudson VanOsdol died Nov. 25 at his home in Kalispell from cancer.

He was born Oct. 7, 1909 to Wilbur and Sallie VanOsdol in Plevna, MO. He was reared and educated in Missouri, went to high school and Culver-Stockton College in Canton, and the University of Missouri at Columbia.

He married Lucille Mays at Syracuse, NY in 1932. He served in the Army from 1943 to 1945, after which they moved to Montana, settling in Missoula in 1957. He was in the automobile and insurance business until he retired in 1976. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Altar Society, honorary member of the Jaycees, and a life member of the Elks Lodge.

The couple moved to Kalispell in August of 1989.

He is survived by his wife Lucille at the family home; a sister, Mildred Minders, Milwaukee, WN; a niece and two nephews.

Memorial Mass of the Resurrection was Nov. 28 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Thomas O'Donnell as celebrant. Private urn burial was at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The memorial suggested by the family is the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, Box 2549, Billings, 59103.

Arrangements and cremation were by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

Irma L. Vahl

Mrs. Irma L. Vahl, 86, Columbia Falls, died of natural causes in St. Patrick's Hospital Oct. 30. 1990

She was born April 6, 1904, in New York City, daughter of Charles and Theresa Hall. She moved to Chester, MT., when a year old. Her father homesteaded in the Sweet Grass hills, then after his death she lived at the Trommer ranch for eight years. She received her education in Lothair and Great Falls.

In 1925, she married Ben W. Nelson who worked in the oil fields. She was a former cook in several oil camps in Eastern Montana. In 1935, she moved to Whitefish and during World War II he worked construction in Washington and Oregon with Elliott Construction. She moved to Kalispell in 1943 and was employed with Montgomery Ward Co. for five years.

In 1946, she married Harry Vahl. They moved to Columbia Heights in 1961 where he worked at the aluminum plant until his retirement in 1970 when they moved to Hot Springs. They returned to Kalispell and Columbia Falls in the late 1970s. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Vahl.

Survivors include a step-daughter, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several other relatives. Graveside services were Nov. 2, in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating.

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He served in the U.S. Army in World War II from 1943 to 1945, after which they moved to Montana, settling in Missoula in 1957.

He was in the automobile and insurance business until he retired in 1976.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Altar Society, an honorary member of the Jaycees, and a life member of the Elk's Club.

The VanOsdols moved to Kalispell in August of 1989.

Walter enjoyed music, and played his trumpet throughout college and his early career. He occasionally serenaded friends on Flathead Lake.

He is survived by his wife Lucille at the family home; a sister, Mildred Minders, and a nephew, Dr. Robert Minders, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; a niece, Gerene Little of Kalispell, and a nephew, Brig. Gen. Tip Clark, USAF Ret., of Kalispell.

Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m., at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Thomas O'Donnell as celebrant. Private urn burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Mary Ann Vance, 65

Mary Ann Vance, 65, Columbia Falls, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital, in Whitefish. 11 Mar 1990

Survivors include an adopted daughter, Carellen Barnett, Columbia Falls; a stepdaughter; a stepson; and a nephew.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be later.

Memorials to Flathead Hospice, Canyon Community Church or Klothes Kloset are suggested.

Fredrick K. Vergin

Fredrick Karl Vergin, 77, Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Care Center on Feb. 1, of natural causes. 1991

He was born March 14, 1913, in Noonan, North Dakota, a son of William Carl Vergin and Stella Gumtow Vergin. He received his education in Forsythe, Mont. and also Ellensburg, Wash. He served in the Army and was stationed in the South Pacific, Philippines and Japan.

On Feb. 16, 1946, he married Sophie Livermore at Kalispell. He was a carpenter and worked for many years for Gyron Construction Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie, at the family home; two sons, Larry Livermore, and William Vergin, both of Kalispell; four grandchildren; one great-grandson, and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services were held Feb. 5 with Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Military honors were conducted by local veterans.

The family suggests memorials be made to the education fund for Heather and Jessica Vergin, 1165 Smith Lake Road, Kalispell.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Bessie B. Vestman, 85

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Bessie Bowman Vestman, a long-time resident of the east lakeshore and Bigfork died of natural causes Wednesday in a Great Falls hospital.

Daughter of S.E. Bowman, sister of Adam Bowman, she lived on the east lakeshore until moving to Great Falls 10 years ago.

Her funeral was Saturday at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. Memorial graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 15, 1904, in Woolrich, Ontario. She attended school in Canada and Kalispell before

moving to Great Falls, where she graduated from high school.

She married John V. Vestman in 1926, living in Great Falls and Bigfork. He died in 1980.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Eby Bowman of the east lakeshore, and sister Marlon Fisher of Kalispell.

Survivors include three sons, Victor of Naples, Fla., John of Denver, and Keith of Great Falls; a sister, Etta Ellis of Helena; brother Adam Bowman of Bigfork; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

PAUL VANDEVOORT

Paul VandeVoort, 42, Whitefish, died Aug. 19 in a plane crash at Kalispell City Airport. 1990

He married Jayne Van Vliet June 15, 1967.

A craftsman and boat builder, he moved to Montana in 1977.

Survivors include his wife and two children, Alex and Airen, all of Whitefish; and his mother, Bernice VandeVoort, brother, Mark, and a sister, Linda Vander Wert, all of Pella, Iowa.

Memorial services for Mr. VandeVoort were Aug. 22 at Apgar Amphitheater in Glacier National Park.

Johnson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy E. Verley, 64

Dorothy E. Verley, 64, a former resident of Eureka, died Oct. 15 in Spokane. 1990

She is survived by her husband, Earl L. Crawford, Spokane; six daughters; three sons; 24 grandchildren; a brother, Leonard Wurtz, Kalispell; and a sister, Louise Haverland, Kalispell.

Services were Thursday in Spokane. A second service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

ADELINE VINCENT

Adeline Catherine Tande Vincent, 74, died in Seattle June 17 of natural causes. She was born March 18, 1916, in Kenwood, MT., a daughter of Knute and Julia Tande. She was a contemporary artist. She had worked with the American Red Cross overseas in the Pacific during the 1940s, working under Gen. Douglas MacArthur. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Jack) Vincent of West Glacier, May 1, 1975.

She is survived by a daughter, Julia Vincent of Des Moines, Wash., a step-daughter, Vicki Vincent Henderson of Helena, a brother, Lyder Tande of Scobey, three sisters, Olga Belgum of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Jeannette Oakland of Moorhead, Minn., and Donna Lying of Bowie, MD.; six granddaughters and a great granddaughter.

Funeral services were June 21 in Des Moines. Graveside services and burial were June 28, in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Mary Ronning, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Ryan W. Voermans, 17

Ryan W. Voermans, 17, died Saturday, May 26, 1990, as a result of a freak accident while bear hunting with a good friend.

Ryan is survived by his parents, Bill and Marsha Voermans, brother Cody, and sister Holly, all at the family farm near Whitefish.

He was born April 4, 1973, in Whitefish, and was currently a junior in Whitefish High School.

Ryan loved the out-of-doors and had hunted with his father since early childhood.

He was an expert marksman and active in the Whitefish Rifle Club and the 4-H Shooting Sports Club started by his grandfather, H.P. McVay, in 1986. He placed in the nationals in 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Ryan was a home-run-hitter in everything he did. He was good, gentle, and quiet at times. He was also a team player — supportive and encouraging others to achieve.

In an effort to help you see the total young man, we would like to share some of his accomplishments.

Ryan was a member of the Cattle Kings 4-H Club for the past nine years, and had held all the offices, which included Junior Leader in Livestock and Shooting Sports, first Second-generation Senior Beef Showman, Overall Junior and Senior Grand Champion Showmen, Junior Beef Barn Superintendent, National Citizenship Short Course Winner to Washington, D.C.; Best Fitted Steer, State 4-H Air Rifle Champion and this year in 4-H, started his own herd of Salers Cattle.

In baseball, he started in the first grade. He was a member of the 13-year-old State All-Star Team to Wenatchee, Wash.; 14- and

15-year-old State All-Star Team to Prince George, British Columbia; and assistant coach to the 13-year-olds this year.

In shooting, he first registered for shooting of clay targets at the age of 9 (100 rounds) and the man next to him was 80 years old.

He shot his first goose at age 12 and now ranks 23rd in the state for a bear taken with a bow. He was ranked 24th in the nation in air pistol, and attended Olympic Training Camp in Colorado Springs in April of this year.

In academics, he had received his all-state letter for a 4.0 achievement in grades. He was named to National Honor Society as a sophomore; received a first-team award for community involvement; and lettered in football.

Ryan is also survived by his grandfather, H.P. McVay of Lake Blaine, and grandmother, Dorothy Voermans of Whitefish; aunts and uncles, Marlene and Dwayne Becker of Whitefish, Margo Voermans of Missoula, Don and Verna Swanson of Kodiak, Alaska, Chris McVay and Kate McVay of Kodiak, Alaska; his cousins, Doug Stevens of Whitefish, Kevin Becker of Whitefish, and Tyler and Brad Swanson of Kodiak, Alaska.

A memorial scholarship fund in Ryan's name has been established at the Mountain Bank in Whitefish.

Services will be held beginning with a Rosary at the Austin Funeral Home tonight at 7:30. Mass will be at St. Charles Catholic Church Thursday, May 31, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

There will be a memorial service at the Whitefish High School Gym at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31.

Betty H. Voorhies, 81

Betty H. Voorhies, a long-time Flathead Valley resident, died of cancer in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on Dec. 17, 1990.

She was born August 5, 1909, to Jessie and Swift D. Hunter in Anaconda. Her family moved to Libby in about 1921. She finished high school there.

In August of 1935, she married Jack Hughes, a teacher at Flathead High School, and they resided in Kalispell until he predeceased her in 1964. In June, 1970, she married Everett W. Voorhies, and thereafter, they divided their time between Bigfork and Quartzsite, Ariz.

She was an active member of Christ Church Episcopal for many years and of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Bigfork.

She was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking, crafts, and needlework. She thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors — hiking, rock-hounding, and time spent at Flathead Lake. She liked to travel and loved her life in Arizona, the Flathead Valley, and Glacier National Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

She is survived by a sister, Margaret Rawlings of Prescott, Ariz.; her hus-

band, Everett, of Quartzsite; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Nagel (Patty) of Salem, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Potoczny (Nancy) of Bigfork, and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Skaar (Janny) of Westfir, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Other survivors include stepdaughters Jean M. Hughes of Missoula, Gayle Engebretson of Lakeside, and Joyce Nicholson of Vader, Wash.; two step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She has numerous other relatives throughout the United States.

She was a warm and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was always a care giver, the care being given in an open-hearted manner that expected nothing in return. She brightened the lives her life touched. She was a trusting, trusted friend, and made the world around her a better place. We will miss her.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church of Bigfork in Ferndale. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Patrick's or the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.